

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 4, 5, and 7. These sheets, which include Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, replaces the original sheets including Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 remain active in this case. Claims 1 and 5 are amended by the present amendment to correct informalities noted in the outstanding Office Action and minor informalities noted by Applicants in Claim 1, all without the introduction of new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action the application was indicated as being allowable except for the formal matters of: correcting the drawings, correcting the specification, and correcting the objections to Claims 1 and 5.

With respect to the objection to the drawings, Figure 1 is labeled as "Background Art;" Figure 4 shows free end 60A; Figure 5 identifies pigtail 86; and Figure 7 identifies braid 116, end 116a, and end 124. Support for these amendments is found in the Specification, and no new matter is added.

With respect to the objection to the specification, paragraph beginning on line 13 of page 8 is amended to more clearly describe Figure 6.

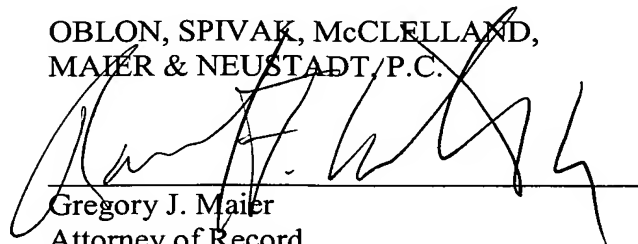
With respect to the objections to Claims 1 and 5, the recommendations made in the Office Action have been adopted. In addition, Claim 1 is amended to change "constituted by" to "including."

Finally, the Abstract is amended to correct minor informalities.

Therefore, since no further issues remain outstanding in this case, the present application is believed to be in a condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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